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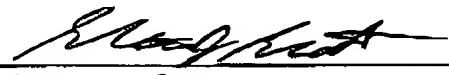
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Zaid JAYYOSI et al.

Serial No.: Unassigned

Filed: Filed Herewith

For: **THERAPEUTIC USES OF DI-ARYL ACID DERIVATIVES, being a**
Continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US00/11833, filed
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Preliminary Amendment

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, after the title, insert -- This application is continuation of international application no. PCT/US00/11833, filed on April 28, 2000, the contents of which are incorporated by reference herein. This application also claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/131,455, filed on April 28, 1999.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 38-46, 49-52, 60, 67-69, and 71-90.

Please add new claims 91-96.

Please amend claims 1, 16, 24, 30, 31, 33, 34, and 36, as follows:

Claim 1, page 125, line 9, delete "R₁₉ and";

delete "are" and insert in its place -- is --;

page 125, line 10, delete "R₁₇";

page 125, line 12, delete ", R₁₈".

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